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Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, applicants are submitting herewith for the Examiner's consideration a copy of an office action dated July 18, 2003 from the Chinese Patent Office in connection with the corresponding Chinese application and a subsequent notification of grant from the Chinese Patent Office dated March 5, 2004.

As can be seen from the summary of the office action, the office action from the Chinese Patent Office cites JP HEI 8-319973A and United States Patent No. 4,543,898, both of which have been previously considered by the Examiner in connection with the subject application.

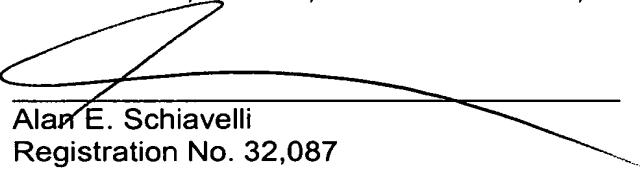
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